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I stayed for about 20 minutes and then came back here via Finch Hill, where I ran into Job, who had been to Eckdale looking for me. He followed me back to Eckdale and we spent about 6 hours talking. Job told me all about Basic Training and I told him all about Eckdale this summer. Very enjoyable. He is now much more relaxed than he was when he first returned from Georgia. He reported that on Monday he will probably begin working at a place in Prompton in metal fabrication: \$7-\$14/hour, depending on how well he can weld. No connection was made by one of his V-Tech teachers. John should not be channeling all his energies into welding & metal fabrication. He should be traveling & being young and foolish. It bothers me to see him become so settled and "locked in" at the incredibly early age of 19. I did not, of course, tell that to John because he is so excited by the possibility of the job and the line of all the cash he will earn. Job reported that he plans to buy a ceiling fan/light for 302 - "I was going to buy and put it in as a surprise for you, but I guess I can tell you," said Job. At about 1130 P.M., Job asked for a glass of water. I had, at that time, a glass of Valpolicella. Job asked me if I would play the Ever Symphony & referred to in a letter to him this summer. I said I would but the moment never was just right for me to put it on. One of these days I will and surprise him. [and write these words - 935 P.M. 09-09-84 - I can hear the owls in the woods over by the Cemetery. They are probably screech owls, but I will have to check the Peterson to be sure.]. At about 1230 A.M., John left. We shook hands as he sat on his cycle

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in front of the building and waited for it to warm up, & then, with the customary beep-beep, he went up the hill. A very nice evening with John indeed. He is so easy to be around and the two of us have very relaxed and at the same time intense times together, habitually. How has John changed since early July? In a very recognizable manner, his verbal responses are more sharp & clear & well enunciated. I had the feeling on a couple of occasions that he was going to say to me - "Yes, sir," or "Yes, sergeant." A very understandable linguistic response to Basic Training. More significantly, he appears to be more mature in his understanding of how the world works. He seems less like a boy than he did, although I am at a loss to be specific in describing just how. On more than one occasion, John mentioned "going camping again." Very probably we will do so sometime this fall. I shall wait for the suggestion from him. He gave me two copies of his official Fort Benning photograph -- one for me and one for Donald. I shall send it on to DWP.

Job has been asked to ride his cycle to Oneonta on Sunday with his parents. Job: "I don't really want to go, and if I don't, I'll probably see you on Sunday," said Job at one point.